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CALTRANS AWARDS \$203 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

STOCKTON – Caltrans has awarded nearly \$203 million in grants to improve public transit across California. More than 80 projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations and create jobs throughout the state. The grants are funded through Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a ten-year period to improve public transit in California.

“These projects are a direct investment in our state's public transit system and will help energize California's economy,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only will these projects help create jobs, they will also reduce traffic congestion, clean the air, and provide Californians an alternative to rising gas prices.”

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

San Joaquin County: \$3.4 million – improve and modernize San Joaquin Regional Transit District.

San Joaquin County: \$1.525 million – San Joaquin Council of Governments multimodal station construction for the City of Manteca, and bus benches and signs for the City of Escalon.

San Joaquin County: \$565,908 – San Joaquin Regional Commission rehabilitation project for Altamont Rail.

Amador County: \$233,452 – to improve and modernize Amador Regional Transit Systems.

To date, Proposition 1B has funded \$1.34 billion in transit projects.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received transit grants in this funding cycle, please visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/Prop1BTransitProjectsFebruary2012.pdf>

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